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## Brian Hayes joins NLRB today as fifth Board member

Brian Hayes, former Republican Labor Policy Director for the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, will join the National Labor Relations Board today, bringing the body to its full five-member strength for the first time since December 2007.

Mr. Hayes was sworn in Tuesday evening by Sen. Mike Enzi at his offices in the Russell Building to fill a term expiring in December 2012. He was nominated to the position by President Obama in July 2009.

Before joining the Senate staff, Mr. Hayes was in private practice for 25 years representing management clients in labor and employment law. He began his legal career as a clerk for the NLRB's Chief Administrative Law Judge, and later served as counsel to the Board Chairman. He is a member of the Massachusetts and District of Columbia bars, and the American Bar Association and its Labor and Employment Law Section. Mr. Hayes earned his undergraduate degree from Boston College and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

The National Labor Relations Board is an independent federal agency vested with the power to safeguard employees' rights to organize and to determine whether to have unions as their bargaining representative. The agency also acts to prevent and remedy unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions.

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